

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice, proposed drawing changes as REPLACEMENT SHEETS are attached, wherein Applicant proposes to amend the drawings in the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend Figure 18 by replacing “X” with -- XIX --, and by replacing “X’ ” with -- XIX’ --.

Please amend Figure 19 by replacing “Y” with -- XVIII --, and by replacing “Y’ ” with - XVIII’ --.

No new matter has been added. Approval is earnestly requested.

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action mailed on April 2, 2008.

Claims 23-29 are present in the above-identified application, with claim 23 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Drawing objections

Page 2 of the Office Action includes objections to the drawings.

While not conceding the propriety of these objections and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, the drawings have been amended in the manner requested. Appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

While not conceding the propriety of the claim rejection and in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, claim 23 has been amended.

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

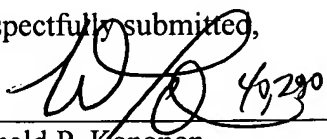
Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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